

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re Application of:</i>)	
	:	Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody
Nestor J. SANTI, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3679
Application No.: 10/700,484)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 7754
Filed: November 5, 2003)	
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For: HIGH-STRENGTH SEALED)	December 12, 2008
CONNECTION FOR EXPANDABLE	:	
TUBULARS)	

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 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION and
 PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated June 19, 2008, for three months from September 19, 2008, up to and including December 19, 2008. The statutory fee of \$1,110.00 for payment of the extension fee is being paid electronically. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following proposed amendments, under the letter and spirit of Rule 1.116. No new issues are raised and the following amendments are believed to place all claims in condition for allowance, as follows.